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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. LAWRENCE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 13, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRENDA L. LAWRENCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and omnipotent God, we stand before You, vulnerable to Your power at work within and around us. Like precious metal, we are being forged, tested like silver, formed by Your creative hands.

In these moments, may we trust that You are refining us, restoring us, and shaping us that we would best reflect Your image in all we do.

We also stand before this Nation, exposed to a multitude of opinions and a host of challenges, bearing the responsibilities that have been placed in our care.

Many voices attempt to drown out Your own divine word that has called us to hold fast to our faith in Your perfect righteousness.

In these moments, may we stand firm in our obedience to You, to Your claim on our lives.

May the trials in our lives and the testing of our faith produce steadfastness in our walk with You.

In Your abiding name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TAKANO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY

(Ms. BOURDEAUX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Korean-American Day, which marks the arrival of the first group of Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.

I am proud to represent tens of thousands of Korean Americans in Georgia's Seventh District. These individuals are critical members of our community. From small business owners to healthcare workers, they continue to support us throughout the pandemic.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge Korean-American leaders in my district. Representative Sam Park is the grandson of refugees from the

Korean war who became the first Asian American and openly gay person elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives.

Michelle Kang serves as president of the Korean-American Public Action Committee and is a tireless leader in the community. It is an honor to work with each of you.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been challenged with an increase in the number of anti-Asian hate crimes. This Korean-American Day, I am particularly grateful to all of those working to address and end anti-Asian hate in Georgia and across the country. I look forward to continuing this work in Congress.

EACH VOTE IS IMPORTANT

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on an issue that is important for every American. I know the importance of each vote and understand the difference one vote or six can make. Our country was founded on the right to vote in fair and free elections and faith in the election systems that conduct those elections.

Since Iowa implemented new voting laws in 2017, our elections have seen record turnout and participation.

Right now, the majority is pushing a Federal takeover of elections, overriding laws in States like Iowa.

The proposed legislation would limit voter ID laws, which are supported by the overwhelming majority of Americans. It would also allow politicians to use taxpayer dollars to run political ads; meaning your money could go to candidates and issues you do not support.

Finally, it would implement a "one-size-fits-all" set of regulations instead

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